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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Photographic Intelligence Center

SUBJECT : Geological Surveys in the USSR

REFERENCE : Your memorandum of 19 Sept 1960 to AD/RR
and AD/SI (PIC/D-109-60)

1. In general, we agree with Dr. Guthe's comments on the memorandum.

2. We would stress, however, the desirability, as expressed in paragraph 6 of [REDACTED] memorandum, for continued attention, 25X1A9a on the part of both ORR and OSI, to the economic and political warfare implications of the Soviet geological exploration program. In recent years the Soviets have unquestionably made significant and comprehensive advances in both geological mapping and mineral prospecting techniques. Their expanded capabilities in these fields provide them with an effective tool for economic penetration and exploration of new and developing countries. Their capabilities in this regard assume even greater significance in the light of the generally depressed and static condition of U.S. mineral exploitation programs, and the diminishing number of qualified professional people entering this field year by year in the United States.

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21 Oct: Fwd. to Ch/66, with note:

"Should we be doing anything about
assessing Soviet exploration activities?"
/s/ Jim